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SUBJ: LH PASSES ELECTION BILL FOR PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL COUNCILS

REF: A-574

1. LOWER HOUSE JAN 12 PASSED ELECITON BILL FOR PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL COUNCILS SETTING THEM FOR APRIL 26, 1970. LOWER HOUSE MUSTERED 92 VOTES TO OVERRIDE SENATE AMENDMENTS (REF AIRGRAM).

2. A BILL GIVING THESE COUNCILS MORE SIGNIFICANT AUTHORITY IS PRESENTLY IN COMMITTEE IN THE LH. IF PASSED PROMPTLY AND THAT SEEMS POSSIBLE, IT WOULD ENCOURAGE GOOD CANDIDATES TO RUN AND POLITICAL PARTIES TO TAKE INTEREST IN THESE ELECTIONS.
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